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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 9 November 1953, the Hindenburg Kaserne in Plauen was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 9 and 11 [illegible], on 4 November, about 400 troops with [illegible] x 82-mm mortars, 8 light machine guns, 5 heavy machine guns, axles and spades and trucks entered the installation through the rear gate. At the same time, about 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with 2 x 82-mm mortars, 10 light and 3 heavy machine guns, telephone pole and practice targets marched out of the installation, followed by truck towing a 76.2-mm AT gun and trucks

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2. On 9 November, the Koenig Georg Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Traffic in the yard was intensive on 4 November. The reconditioning of the damaged section of the installation was completed.

3. On 9 November, the Kirchbach Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets. A new radio truck numbered and pertinent crew were in the barracks area. On 5 November, about 60 soldiers practiced marching in the barracks yard. Truck was identified.

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4. At about 5 a.m. on 9 November, about 200 troops, including about 20 officers, carrying suitcases were brought to the railroad station with trucks They boarded the regular train to Gera where they got off the train.

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5. On 9 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne was about 90 to 95 percent occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets including some with motor transport or artillery insignia. Between 1 and 9 November, troops filled mattresses, cleaned a 57-mm AT gun and about 70 soldiers received basic infantry training. Motor vehicles identified in traffic to and from the installation

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6. On 9 November, the Koenig Georg Kaserne was 90 to 95 percent occupied. On 7 November, about 300 troops with red-bordered black epaulets assembled for roll call. Motor vehicles seen in the billeting area

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7. On 9 November, the Kirchbach Kaserne was 90 to 95 percent occupied by a signal unit and an artillery unit. Motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] were identified. 25X1

8. On 7 November, about 75 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets assembled for roll call in the former German garrison hospital. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified at the installation. 25X1

[redacted] Comment. The present report chiefly contains information indicative of the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in the Hindenburg Kaserne and Kirchbach Kaserne. The signal unit mentioned to have been stationed in the Kirchbach Kaserne is believed to belong to the radar station of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army known to be stationed there. The 87th Gun Arty Regt is believed stationed in the Koenig Georg Kaserne. [redacted] 25X1

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